

REMARKS

Claim 17 has been canceled. Claims 12-16 are active in the case. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a method of preparing dye-containing polymer particles of at least one dye in a matrix of an essentially water-insoluble polymer.

Claim Amendment

Claim 12 has been amended to recite that the dye-containing polymer particles have a particle size distribution width of $\leq 40\%$ as previously recited in now canceled Claim 17. Because the subject matter of the claim has been indicated as allowable, Claim 12 is now believed to be in allowable form. Entry of the amendment into the record is respectfully

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 12 and 14-16 stand rejected based on 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Devissaguet et al, U.S. Patent 5,049,322 in view of Henning et al U. S. Patent 5,010,150.

The rejection of Claims 12 and 14-16 is overcome by the amendment made to Claim 12. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 stands rejected based on 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Devissaguet et al, U.S. Patent 5,049,322 in view of Henning et al U. S. Patent 5,010,150 and further in view of Hou U. S. Patent 5,270,445.

The rejection of Claim 13 is overcome by the amendment made to Claim 12. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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